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On November 28, Decree-Law no. 174/2019 was approved and **entered into force on December 14, 2019**, creating specialized courts. This amendment follows the most recent amendment to the Statute of Administrative and Tax Courts, by Law 114/2019, of September 12, which established specialization in administrative circle courts and tax courts as a factor for rationalizing and streamlining the jurisdiction's functioning.

Along with creating specialized jurisdiction judgments in the Administrative and Tax Courts of Almada, Aveiro, Braga, Leiria, and Sintra, it is important to highlight the specialized judicial organization in the Administrative Court of Lisbon and the Administrative and Tax Court of Porto.

The Administrative Court of Lisbon is now composed of (i) the common administrative court; (ii) the social administrative court; and (iii) the **public procurement court**. The latter has extended jurisdiction over all areas of jurisdiction attributed to the Administrative Courts of Almada, Lisbon and Sintra.

The Administrative and Tax Court of Porto is now composed of the administrative jurisdiction of (i) the common administrative court; (ii) the corporate administrative court; and (iii) the **public procurement court**. The latter has extended jurisdiction over all areas of jurisdiction attributed to the Administrative Courts of Circulo de Aveiro, Braga, Penafiel and Porto.

Specialized administrative courts for public procurement were created to ensure a faster and more specialized procedure in **geographical areas where public procurement is most significant**.



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